

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP

on the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Air Tour Management Plan

- Monday, February 24, 2003, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- ◆ Cooper Center 19-4030 Wright Road Volcano, Hawaii
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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), is initiating development of an Air Tour Management Plan for the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The objective of the plan is to mitigate or prevent the significant adverse impacts, if any, of commercial air tour operations upon the Park's natural and cultural resources, and visitor experiences.

Interested individuals, groups, or other members of the public are invited to attend a public information workshop to be held on February 24, 2003 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The FAA and NPS will make brief presentations on the ATMP development process, the existing air tour activity, the existing Park resources, and the roles and responsibilities of each agency. The Acoustical Department of the VOLPE National Transportation Center will make a brief presentation on the ongoing acoustical data collection within the Park. These presentations will conclude by approximately 6:30 p.m. Following the presentations, attendees may browse displays, pick up information, talk with FAA and NPS officials, discuss concerns, and register to receive further information regarding development of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Air Tour Management Plan. The workshop will close at approximately 7:30 PM.

This is a public information workshop only. Public testimony or comments will not be formally recorded at this time. A public scoping period, during which public comments will be formally received, will be held at a later time in compliance with the procedures established under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Interested parties may also register to receive information regarding the development of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Air Tour Management Plan through the FAA's Air Tour Management Plan Website located at www.atmp.faa.gov.